Aerodrome Directorate of Inspection

2916. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an aerodrome Directorate of Inspection is a flight safety requirement to monitor standards;

(b) whether this Directorate was sanctioned in 1993, but has not yet been commissioined;

(c) whether the services of personnel posted against the vacancies of this Directorate are being utililsed elsewhere; and

(d) if so, who is responsible for this lapse and what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. Nine posts for Aerodrome Standards Directorate in the Directorate General of Civil Aviatioin were sanctioned in August, 1993. These posts could not be filled up because of the time taken to finalise the Recruitment Rules in consultation with the Department of Personnel and Training, Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Ministry of Law. The Recruitment Rules have since been notified. Three Deputy Directors and two Assistant Directors (ADs) have been appointed in consultation with the UPSC. Two more ADs are expected to join shortly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Losses to IA on Customer billing and Mail Service

2917. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that billing customers rupee tariffs for dollars and under-charging postal department for the mail carried causing substantial losses to the Indian Airlines has been detected recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof stating the estimated annual loss suffered by the Airlines as a result thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b)and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Dollar Based fares by Domestic air lines

2918. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the domestic airlines have made proposals to raise their dollar based fares, in the context of the devaluation of the rupee, raising their input costs sharply;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals; and

(c) the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Landing problem at IGI Airport due to Non-Functional Radar

2919. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a non-functional radar at Indira Gandhi International Airport had been causing constant landing problems to aircrafts both national and international during the month of January this year; and

(b) if so, when and through whom this radar was installed and how long after it has developed problems; and the nature and extent of damage caused thereby, by